Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, According to the International Diabetes Federation, diabetes now affects more than 300 million people; and,

Whereas, If nothing is done to reverse this epidemic, the Federation predicts that some 450 million people will live with the disease by 2030; and,

Whereas, More than 56,000 South Dakotans over the age of 17 have been diagnosed with diabetes and an additional 18,000 have undiagnosed diabetes; and,

Whereas, Diabetes is the seventh leading cause of the death in South Dakota, accounting for more than 1,100 deaths from 2005-2009; and,

Whereas, South Dakota Urban Indian Health has teamed up with the South Dakota Diabetes Coalition to take part in the World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge; and,

Whereas, The World Diabetes Day Monument Challenge takes place all over the world, lighting popular monuments blue the evening of November 13, 2011, in recognition of World Diabetes Awareness Day; and,

Whereas, South Dakota will have two monuments lit for the Challenge, Falls Park in Sioux Falls and the State Capitol in Pierre; and,

Whereas, It is important for all South Dakotans to be aware of diabetes and their risks for the disease:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 14, 2011, as

DIABETES AWARENESS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of October in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State